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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CONTINUATION SASP PROGRAM THROUGH FY 74 AND
CU/AF'S DECISION RECONSTITUTE SASP ON BASIS STRINGENT CRITERIA
PRESENTLY IN USE AND DISTINCT FROM RESIDUAL OBLIGATIONS TO NON-
RETURNEES.

2. RE ADMINISTRATION OF RECONSTITUTED SASP PROGRAM, EMBASSY
STRONGLY FAVORS CONTINUED DIRECT USG IDENTIFICATION WITH PROGRAM
RATHER THAN ALLOW UN SELECT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. AT PRESENT
TIME SASP IS ONLY CARROT WE HAVE OFFER SOUTHERN AFRICAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DIRECTLY. EVEN PRESENT LIMITED PROGRAM IS
USEFUL AS TALKING POINT WITH MOVEMENT LEADERS. SHOULD USG PROGRAM
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APPEAR TO CEASE, THERE NO DOUBT IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS SIGNAL

OF DIMINISHED USG COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN LIBERATION. FURTHERMORE, UN SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS MIGHT INVOLVE US AGAIN IN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION. WHILE UN MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, BELIEVE THIS NOT SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IF FUTURE INTAKE CONTINUES AT ABOUT 5 PER YEAR.

3. EMBASSY ALSO FAVORS CONTINUATION OF GRANT TO PRIVATE INSTITUTION FOR PLACEMENT, COUNSELING, AND ADMINISTRATION OF SASP PROGRAM. AAI COULD BE LEFT WITH RESIDUAL OBLIGATIONS TO PRE-1970 STUDENTS WHILE PUTTING RECONSTITUTED PROGRAM UNDER IIE AEGIS. SINCE SASP INTAKE NOW LIMITED TO GRADUATE STUDENTS, BELIEVE PROGRAM COULD EASILY AND MORE CHEAPLY BE ADMINISTERED BY IIE AS ADJUNCT TO FULBRIGHT GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM.

4. BELIEVE NAME SASP SHOULD CONTINUE BE USED FOR RECONSTITUTED PROGRAM AS NAME HAS SYMBOLIZED U.S. COMMITMENT TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS. IN SPITE OF WHATEVER REPUTATION SASP MAY ENJOY IN U.S., NAME ALWAYS EVOKES POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SASP ALUMNI AND OTHERS IN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HERE. WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST ALLOW NAME FALL INTO DISUSE.

5. RE PRESENT UNDERUTILIZATION OF SATP BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS, IT APPEARS PROBLEM NOT DUE TO LACK OF DEMAND. LOCAL AAI REPRESENTATIVE TELLS US SHE HAS JUST RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM AAI ADDIS OF SIX APPLICATIONS FOR POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS. SHE ASSURES US THERE PLENTY OF INTERESTED APPLICANTS BUT THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER INTAKE OF NEW STUDENTS AT UNZA UNTIL JUNE NEXT YEAR.

6. RE PARA 2, ADDIS 8607, CONFUSION OVER NKUMBI SITUATION MORE APPARENT THAN REAL. COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING (CTEVT) HAS JUST FINISHED ESTABLISHING FIRST COMPLETE RECORDS ON USE SATP BURSARIES. AT PRESENT TIME 87 BURSARIES BEING UTILIZED, 25 BEING NEW STUDENTS THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION THERE ARE 7 ZAMBIAN HOLDOVERS FROM ORIGINAL AAI INVOLVEMENT. DUE DROPOUTS FROM PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED GROUPS, THERE 38 UNUSED PLACES. NKUMBI PRINCIPAL RICHEY PREPARED ACCEPT ADDITIONAL REFUGEE STUDENTS BUT PROJECT AGREEMENT 72-Z-7 STIPULATES NKUMBI ALLOWED UP TO 25 NEW STUDENTS PER YEAR TO TOTAL OF 125. RICHEY HAS RAISED QUESTION WHETHER NKUMBI MAY RECRUIT ADDITIONAL NEW STUDENTS BEYOND 25 IN ORDER MAKE UP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHORTFALL IN UTILIZATION OF BURSARIES.

7 FROM HERE THERE APPEARS BE NO QUESTION ABOUT CONTINUING NEED FOR USG PROGRAMS. EVEN WITH STRINGENT QUALIFYING CRITERIA, BELIEVE AVAILABLE SASP SCHOLARSHIPS FULLY UTILIZED FOR LAST TWO YEARS. WE SUPPORT PRESENT POLICY OF MAKING TRAINING IN U.S. AVAILABLE ONLY TO GRADUATE STUDENTS AND OTHERS ON SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL COURSES.

8. SATP MEETING NEEDS OF REFUGEE STUDENTS HERE IN ZAMBIA. IF GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS AT NKUMBI CAN BE AMENDED, SHOULD BE POSSIBLE UTILIZE ALL 125 BURSARIES. LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE PREPARED TO TAKE ON ADMINISTRATION OF NKUMBI BURSARIES IF THIS DECIDED ON. WHILE 30 SATP POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTLY UNUSED, PROBLEM APPARENTLY HAS BEEN ONE OF ADMINISTRATION. AAI ADDIS TOOK OVER COORDINATION OF PROGRAM YEAR AGO AND SOME TIME WAS REQUIRED FOR FAMILIARIZATION. REFERRAL OF STUDENTS FOR SATP BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS NOT SERIOUS PROBLEM HERE. APPLICANTS PRESENTLY REFERRED BY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, UNHCR, AND ZAMBIA CHRISTIAN REFUGEE SERVICE.

9. WHILE RECORD OF GRZ IN HELPING FULFILL AIMS OUR REFUGEE PROGRAMS NOT BAD, IT RATHER DOUBTFUL GRZ COULD BE ENCOURAGED GIVE MORE ACTIVE COOPERATION. FROM OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESS COMMENT IT CLEAR GRZ FEELS IT SHOULDERING MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. COOPERATION OF GRZ WITH REGARD TO NKUMBI HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, AAI LUSAKA HAS EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTY IN GETTING REFUGEE STUDENTS ACCEPTED FOR POST SECONDARY TECHNICAL TRAINING AT EVELYN HONE COLLEGE. AS KLETZIEN OF AAI NEW YORK DISCOVERED LAST YEAR DURING STOP HERE, WE CAN EXPECT LITTLE OR NO HELP FROM GRZ IN PLACEMENT OF SASP GRADUATES.

10. FOR MBABANE: SECOND QUARTER BILLING FROM CTEVT FORWARDED OSARAC JULY 19. WHILE PRESENT AGREEMENT AS AMENDED RUNS ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, WOULD APPRECIATE OSARAC DECISION WHETHER WORDING AND INTENT AGREEMENT WOULD PERMIT NKUMBI ACCEPT ADDITIONAL REFUGEE STUDENTS FOR 38 POSITIONS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE REMAIN VACANT FOR TWO FULL TERMS. WILKOWSKI
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